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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed Sept. 13, 1999, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and submits the following remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 15 as follows:

15. (Twice Amended) An apparatus comprising a scalpel and a [A] container
[for] holding said [a] scalpel [during surgical procedures], said scalpel including:
a blade attached to a handle, said scalpel having a major cross-sectional dimension
and a minor cross-sectional dimension; and
said container including: